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SUBJ: UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

1. UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE EC-NINE COUNTRIES HAS RISEN BY 360,000 PERSONS IN ONE MONTH AND BY 608,000 IN A YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST REPORT ON THE REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED COMPILED BY THE STATISTICAL OFFICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. IN JULY 1977 THERE WERE 5,685,000 MEN AND WOMEN JOBLESS, WITH WOMEN ACCOUNTING FOR 42 PERCENT OF THAT TOTAL.

2. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE COMMUNITY FOR JULY WAS 5.4 PERCENT, COMPARED TO 5.1 PERCENT A MONTH EARLIER AND 4.8 PERCENT A YEAR EARLIER. THE RATES OVER THE 12-MONTH PERIOD INCREASED IN EACH COUNTRY, EXCEPT FOR HOLLAND, WHICH SHOWED A SLIGHT DROP (4.2 PERCENT IN JULY 1977 VS. 4.4 PERCENT A YEAR EARLIER). NONE OF THE ABOVE FIGURES ARE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.

3. MOST WORRISOME WAS THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOY-
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MENT FIGURE, WHICH THE REPORT DISCLOSES ONLY ON A GRAPH ATTACHMENT. THE GRAPH SHOWS THAT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COMMUNITY HAS RISEN STEADILY FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, AND NOW STANDS AT A NEW RECORD HIGH OF 5,800,000 PERSONS, ALMOST DOUBLE WHAT THE FIGURE WAS IN JULY 1974.

4. THE JULY-TO-JULY COMPARISONS OF THE NON-ADJUSTED

FIGURES ALSO INDICATE THAT THE PROBLEM IS MUCH MORE THAN SEASONAL. IN 12 MONTHS TOTAL EMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 12 PERCENT OR BY 19 PERCENT FOR WOMEN AND BY 7.4 PERCENT FOR MEN.

5. THE REPORT ALSO PROVIDES DATA ON THE EXTENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN FOUR COUNTRIES. IN JULY 1977 PERSONS UNDER 25 ACCOUNTED FOR 39 PERCENT OF ALL REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED IN FRANCE, 41 PERCENT IN HOLLAND, 34 PERCENT IN BELGIUM, AND 43 PERCENT IN LUXEMBOURG.

6. BREAKOUTS BY SEX OF TOTAL UNEMPLOYED FOR THE COMMUNITY ('000S OMITTED):

	JULY 1977	JULY 1976
MALE	3,309	3,082
FEMALE	2,376	1,995
TOTAL	5,685	5,077

7. FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (AGAIN NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) WERE:

	JULY 1977	JULY 1976
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	8.3 PERCENT	7.4 PERCENT
BELGIUM		
DENMARK	5.4	4.3
FRANCE	4.6	3.7
GERMANY	3.8	3.7
HOLLAND	4.2	4.4
IRELAND	9.5	9.7
ITALY	6.8	5.9
LUXEMBOURG	0.5	0.2
UNITED KINGDOM	6.3	5.7
EC-9 AVERAGE	5.4	4.8

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